March 10, 2019

Office of the Legislator State of CT Hartford, CT

Re: Gun Control

I am writing to you as a citizen of the U.S. I live in the state of Connecticut. I am an immigrant to this country. It didn't take me long to discover what I had believed America was, truly the most amazing country in the world, ruled by the Constitution, the most brilliant document every written. I recognized what freedom really was. Sadly in recent years I feel my freedom fading, being taken away from me by those who believe they are well intentioned but do not truly understand the far reaches of their actions in their elected positions. I deserve the respect of these people – all people - the same respect that they afford to citizens who agree with every word of their own political beliefs. I am writing to you today regarding my opposition to the following:

SB60: This is nothing short of stop and frisk. You will be putting me at risk by passing this. I do not want to feel fearful when I am out in public. I should not be subjected to this.

B7218: By taking away rights to self defense if there is a minor in the home, you are endangering the family and depriving them of their basic rights and the right to save themselves when facing danger and possible death in their own home in the event of a home invasion.

HB7219: For centuries, Americans have had the right to manufacture weapons and/or weapon parts in their homes. This has not been proven to be a danger to anyone and would be a violation of the people's rights under the second amendment.

HB7223: This proposed legislation is very disturbing to me and does not make any sense. If I have to put a safe in my car to store a gun and someone breaks into my car, they will steal the safe. I can't think of any purpose this would serve other than violating gun owners rights and their rights to protect themselves.

In America in recent years there has been a lot of negative rhetoric about guns and gun owners. What I have heard cannot be further from the truth. I can testify to you today that all of the people I know who are gun owners are the best of the best. They come from all walks of life, men, women, rich, poor, every race, old and young. They are the type of people who would step in to save your life if someone is threatening harm. Please respect our rights under the second amendment. I am hoping everyone in the room has read the Constitution. If you have, you would have no choice but to vote no to all of the above.

Sincerely,

Patricia Magyari, Stamford, CT